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SHOWDOWN ON THE SMUGGLER'S MOON

It is a period of renewed hope for the Rebellion. The evil Galactic Empire's greatest weapon, the Death Star, has been destroyed by the young rebel pilot Luke Skywalker.

But Skywalker's quest to learn the ways of the Jedi continues. That quest has brought him to the notorious Smuggler's Moon of Nar Shaddaa, where his lightsaber has made him a target for a particularly crafty pickpocket.

Meanwhile, Princess Leia and Han Solo have encountered some surprises of their own. While searching the galaxy for a suitable site for the new rebel base, they ran afoul of Imperial patrol ships. Now hiding out on a remote planet, they find themselves facing a far more shocking encounter.

Her name is Sana Solo. She claims to be Han Solo's wife.

And she seems very interested in collecting the bounty on the rebel princess's head....

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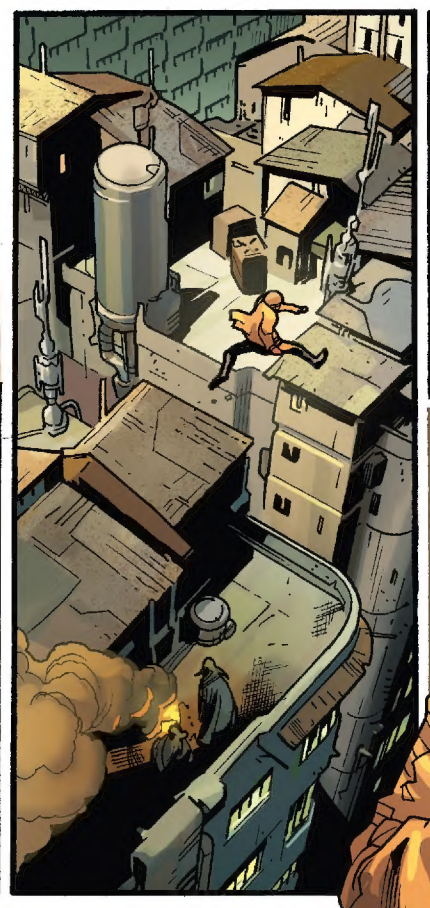
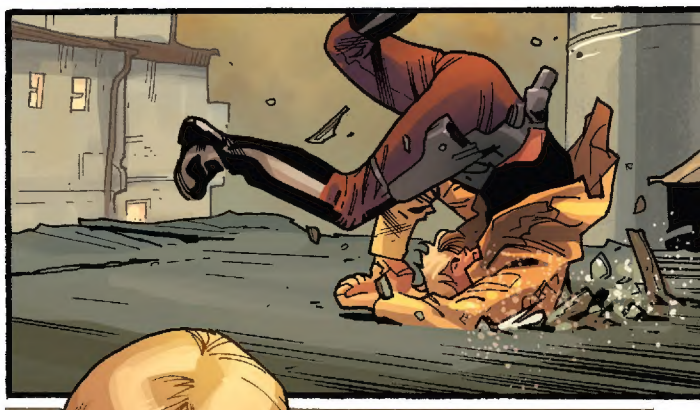
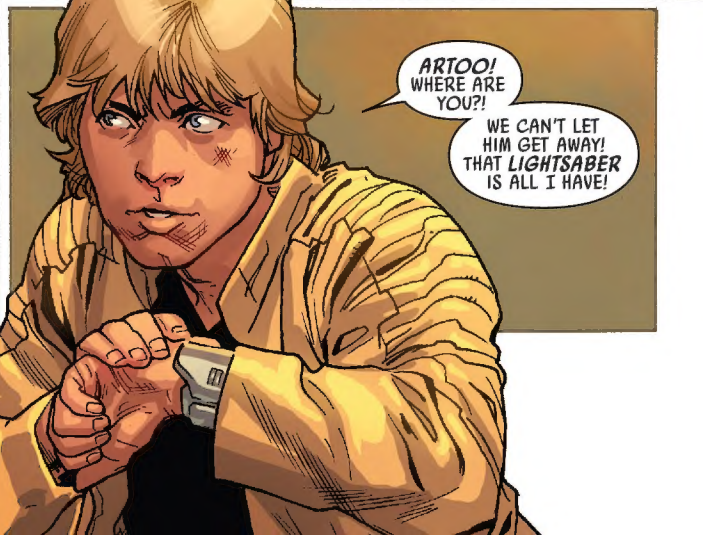
Nar Shaddaa.
The Smuggler's Moon.







NICE TRY, OFF-WORLDER! TOO BAD YOU ROOF-RUN LIKE A *FARMER!*
WELCOME TO THE *SMUGGLER'S MOON!* HA!
WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU...
DON'T BE A FOOL, YOU'LL *NEVER...*
WOOOO BLORP

GOTCHA!
GAAAGHH, YOU MANIAC! YOU'LL KILL US BOTH! GET OFF BEFORE THE...
AAAAAHHH!

SHORTED OUT... MY MAGNA-GLOVE. YOU...HOW DID YOU JUMP SO...
YOU'RE INSANE.
NO.
I'M A SKYWALKER.
ARTOO...
THE OTHERS FROM THE CANTINA... LOOKS LIKE THEY STOPPED CHASING US. WONDER WHY THEY...
BECAUSE YOU'RE IN HUTTA TOWN NOW.

WHICH MEANS YOU AND THAT PRETTY LITTLE SABER OF YOURS...
BELONG TO *GRAKKUS THE HUTT.*
NOW PUT DOWN MY PROPERTY, BOY.
BEFORE YOU GET YOUR *BLOOD* ALL OVER IT.

An unknown world in the Outer Rim.
THIS IS ADMIRAL KEENER. TIE FIGHTERS, REPORT.
FIVE FIGHTERS WERE DESTROYED DURING ENTRY, SIR. THOSE STORMS WERE HELL. BUT WE HAVE THE TARGETS IN SIGHT.
APPREHEND... =KRRZZZT= AT ALL COSTS.
YOU'RE BREAKING UP, SIR.
I THINK WE GET THE GIST.
EVERYONE ON THE GROUND! NOW!
NICE KNOWING YA, PRINCESS.
BUT NOT REALLY THOUGH.
LEIA, WAIT, DON'T...

SANA, GIVE ME MY BLASTER!
I TOLD YOU, HAN. PLAYTIME'S OVER. WE'RE GOING HOME, LOVER.
WE'LL COLLECT THE BOUNTY ON HER LADYSHIP HERE AND RIDE OFF INTO THE--
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
THEY WON'T JUST TAKE HER!
I'M A REBEL TOO!
YOU'RE A WHAT?!
I'M ON THE EMPIRE'S MOST WANTED LIST!
NOW GIVE ME MY DAMN GUN!
CONTACT. TARGET CONFIRMED AS THE TERRORIST PRINCESS, LEIA ORGANA.
GAAGH!
THIS IS A PRINCESS?
SHUT UP AND TAKE HER DOWN!

UGGGH!
JUST WHEN I THINK YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY CAUSE ME ANY MORE GRIEF THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE... YOU MANAGE TO PROVE ME WRONG, HAN SOLO.
STAY BACK! BOTH OF YOU! I STILL DON'T--
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, LEIA! WE HAVE TO GO!
YOU HEARD THE MAN. GET ON THE SHIP, PRINCESS.
BEFORE I COME TO MY SENSES.

HNNRGH!

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY MAGNAGUARDS?
THEY'RE RELICS OF THE CLONE WAR. DESIGNED TO BATTLE JEDI KNIGHTS. OF WHICH YOU ARE CLEARLY NOT ONE.
FROM WHOM DID YOU STEAL THAT SABER?
HE SAID HIS FATHER WAS A JEDI.
AND YOU BELIEVED HIM?
WHY ELSE WOULD HE BE CRAZY ENOUGH TO WANNA GO TO THE JEDI TEMPLE ON CORUSCANT?
THE JEDI TEMPLE...?
HE'S EVEN MORE OF A FOOL THAN I THOUGHT.
I DON'T... I DON'T WANT TROUBLE.
NO?
THEN YOU CAME TO THE WRONG MOON.

ALL RIGHT, WAKE HIM UP.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT *THIS* IS?
WHERE AM I?
IN MY *HOME*. PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTION.
NO.
NO, YOU WON'T ANSWER? OR NO *IS* YOUR ANSWER?
DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
I SUPPOSE NOT.
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
AH, THIS IS MY HOBBY. MY PERSONAL COLLECTION. THIS...

...IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE JEDI.
HOW... HOW DID YOU...
AS YOU MAY HAVE GATHERED, I AM NOT LIKE OTHER HUTTS.
YES, I CONTROL AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF SPICE SMUGGLERS AND BOUNTY HUNTERS. YES, I AM FRIGHTFULLY POWERFUL AND OBSCENELY WEALTHY.
BUT IT'S WHAT I DO WITH THAT MONEY AND POWER THAT SETS ME APART. I AM A COLLECTOR OF ANTIQUITIES.
THAT'S WHY YOUR AGENT STOLE MY LIGHTSABER.
YOU ARE HALF RIGHT. HE WASN'T JUST BRINGING ME YOUR SABER.
HE WAS BRINGING YOU.
THIS IS A JEDI HOLOCRON. ONLY SOMEONE WHO'S STRONG IN THE FORCE CAN OPEN IT.
YOU HAVE UNTIL THE COUNT OF FIVE TO DO SO.

WHAT? BUT I DON'T...
ONE.
I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN ONE OF THOSE THINGS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS OR--
TWO.
HOW.... HOW DO I...
YOU CARRY A LIGHTSABER. YOU SEEK THE JEDI TEMPLE. FIGURE IT OUT.
THREE.
OKAY. OKAY, I'M TRYING.
I'M TRYING TO USE THE FORCE BUT I'VE NEVER...
FOUR.
WAIT. I CAN'T...
I...I...
BEN...
FIVE.
KILL HIM.

RECORDED HERE ARE THE TEACHINGS OF MASTER PHIN-LAW WO OF THE JEDI TEMPLE ON VROGAS VAS. PROTECT THEM AT ALL COSTS.

ANGER LEADS TO HATE.

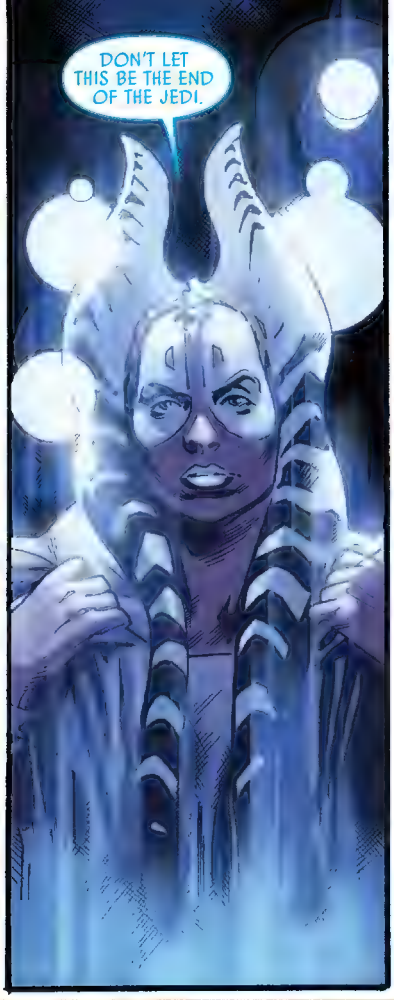
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SABER MUST BEGIN WITH THE CRYSTAL.

ONCE WE WERE BROTHERS IN THE FORCE. BUT FROM THE HUNDRED-YEAR DARKNESS WERE BORN THE SITH.

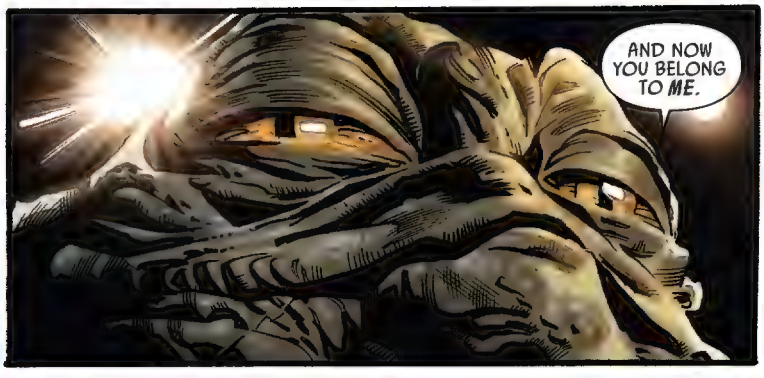
TRUST ONLY IN THE FORCE.

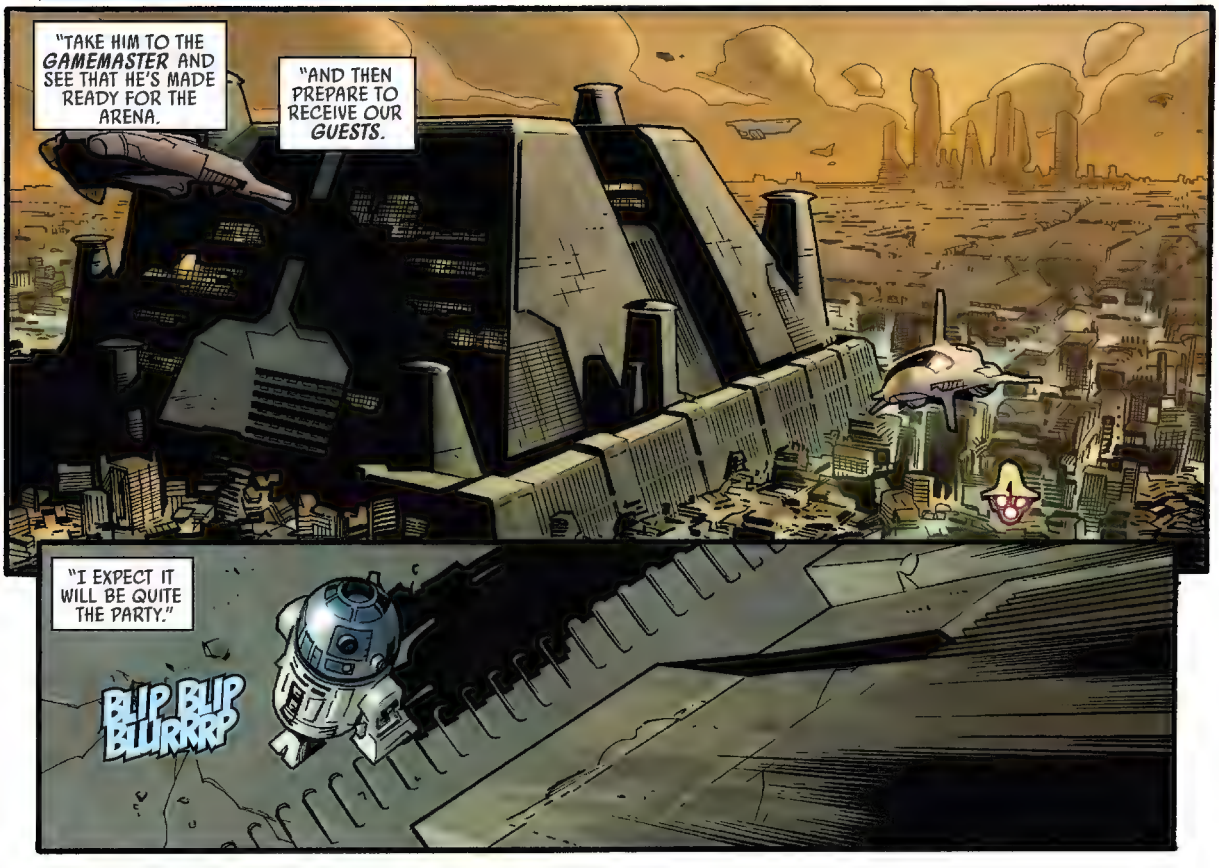
WHOEVER IS SEEING THIS... IT'S UP TO YOU NOW.

DON'T LET OUR DEATHS HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.


DON'T LET THIS BE THE END OF THE JEDI.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW...IT APPEARS YOU WILL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO MY COLLECTION AFTER ALL.
BUT...I'M NOT...
WHAT YOU *ARE*, DEAR BOY...IS THE *LAST JEDI*.

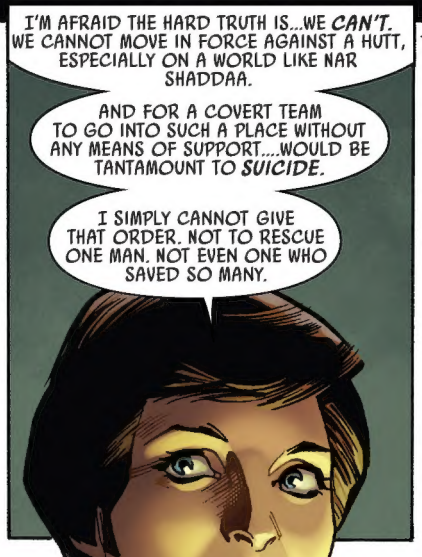

AND NOW YOU BELONG TO *ME*.


"TAKE HIM TO THE *GAMEMASTER* AND SEE THAT HE'S MADE READY FOR THE ARENA.
"AND THEN PREPARE TO RECEIVE OUR *GUESTS*.
"I EXPECT IT WILL BE QUITE THE PARTY."
BLIP BLIP BLURRRP

THEY'RE JAMMING OUR TRANSMISSION! I CAN'T CALL FOR HELP!
FORGET THE COMMS. JUST GET ON THE CANNONS AND KEEP THEM OFF MY TAIL. IF WE'RE LUCKY WE'LL LOSE THEM IN THE ATMOSPHERE.
IF WE'RE REALLY LUCKY, WE WON'T BE TORN APART BY THE STORMS. LET'S HOPE YOU HAVE BETTER TASTE IN SHIPS THAN YOUR HUSBAND.
IS SHE ALWAYS THIS CHEERFUL?
I REALLY THINK I SHOULD BE THE PILOT SINCE--
SHUT UP!
"WE'VE RECEIVED A DISTRESS CALL.

"FROM AN R2 DROID ON NAR SHADDAA.
"LUKE SKYWALKER'S R2."

IT APPEARS SKYWALKER HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY A LOCAL CRIME LORD. ONE OF THE HUTTS.
NAR SHADDAA IS THE LARGEST NEST OF OUTLAWS AND ASSASSINS IN THE GALAXY. WHAT WAS SKYWALKER DOING THERE?
WE DON'T KNOW. BUT THE BIGGER QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE GET HIM BACK?


I'M AFRAID THE HARD TRUTH IS...WE CAN'T. WE CANNOT MOVE IN FORCE AGAINST A HUTT, ESPECIALLY ON A WORLD LIKE NAR SHADDAA.
AND FOR A COVERT TEAM TO GO INTO SUCH A PLACE WITHOUT ANY MEANS OF SUPPORT....WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO SUICIDE.
I SIMPLY CANNOT GIVE THAT ORDER. NOT TO RESCUE ONE MAN. NOT EVEN ONE WHO SAVED SO MANY.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME, SKYWALKER.

NEITHER CAN I IMAGINE WHO AMONG THE ALLIANCE WOULD POSSIBLY BE BRAVE OR INSANE ENOUGH TO VOLUNTEER FOR SUCH A--

HHWWWWWWWRR
I BELIEVE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, CHANCELLOR.

RRRRRRRRRRRRRWWWWWWHHH
CHEWBACCA SAYS...WE SHALL LEAVE AT ONCE.
I BEG YOUR PARDON. "WE"?
OH, DEAR.

STAR WORDS

Write us at StarWars@Marvel.com if you want to make it into a future letters page. Don't forget to mark the letter "OK TO PRINT."

Salutations, fellow rebels!

Assistant Editor Heather Antos here! So how was that for an action-packed issue, huh? Things are certainly getting interesting for Luke on his quest for Jedi training. And how about that Sana Solo? First she's chasing Han and Leia and now she's rescuing them! But enough about them, let's talk about YOUR letters!

Dear *Star Wars* team,

Just writing to say how much I enjoyed the Obi-Wan journal story and YES, I'd love to see more of Master Kenobi's adventures! I feel as if it gives the reader a nice connection to a few years after the end of Episode III. Obi-Wan is still young with the recent events of the Jedi disbanding still in mind and not quite the old man Kenobi of Tatooine we know and love from Episode IV. It bridges a nice gap between those two films. Love the Qui-Gon reference by the way, as he is my favorite *Star Wars* character. Do I smell a Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan team-up series in the future?! Now that would make my inner nerd explode with joy! Thanks again for the awesome storytelling, keep doing what you guys do – you're really giving a whole new life to the iconic *Star Wars* franchise.

Sincerely, Phil

I'm not sure about a Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan comic in the *future*. After all, both Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan aren't exactly corporeal anymore. Although now that I think about it, a comic about the lives and adventures of Force ghosts could be rather interesting…

The *SW* Gang,

I just finished reading *Star Wars #7* and all I can say is...Wow, Amazing, etc. That has to be one of the most exciting issues I have read yet. Obi-Wan has been one of my favorite characters since Episode IV. I have always wondered what he did in the time after Order 66. I think we need to see more or Obi-Wan needs his own limited series just detailing his actions. I mean, he had to be working with Yoda for a while before his death. Please more Obi-Wan!!!

Thanks, Jeff

I may be completely incorrect on this (help me, Story Group, you're my only hope!) but I'm fairly certain that Yoda went to Dagobah not long after the end of Episode III. In which case that wouldn't leave much time for working with Obi-Wan before both the Jedi departed to their respective planets (unless they did it via the Force or long-distance comm devices). Glad we were able to wow, amaze, and etc., with issue #7.

Dear *Star Wars* team,

As a huge fan of the saga, I can honestly say that you guys at Marvel have been doing a great job of capturing the feel of the original films. Hats off to Jason for his spot-on characterizations and to everyone on art for their beautiful portrayals of the universe.

Here's a question that's on my mind: what's it like trying to keep up the suspense in a series where we already know the eventual outcome? How do you juggle the need to answer questions and yet keep the events from becoming too outlandish (even for *Star Wars*!)? Once again, great job to the entire team and I can't wait for more!

May the Force be with you,
Liam Magee

It is always tricky working in a time period where the audience is aware of the characters' ultimate survival. I think the most important thing that we keep in mind when telling these stories is not the question of *if* the characters survive or where they end up come *Empire Strikes Back*, but rather *how* they survive and how they get there. It's the journey that makes the end result and story worthwhile.

Hey Marvel *Star Wars* team,

I just wanted to give a big thank you to everyone there that helps put a smile on my face with every new issue. Obsessing over new *Star Wars* stories helped get me through chemotherapy earlier this year. I also wanted to say that I'm willing to follow old Obi-Wan on some damn fool idealistic crusade. So please give us more Obi-Wan stories.

Bud Welsh

I just want to give a big thank YOU for reading the comics! Saying that our comics helped you through chemotherapy is HUGE! Just for that reason alone I hope we can make more Obi-Wan comics so you can keep reading them!

Well, that's it for this month, folks! We'll be back next month with more trouble for Luke, Leia, Han, and all of their cohorts a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away!

May the Force be with you!
Heather Antos

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